

West Indies score 344 for four against Lancashire

Reminders

Today

British Council sponsored lecture on "The Art of Wood Engraving" by Mr. A.C. Scott, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.
Official opening of the War Memorial Welfare and Recreation Centre, by the Governor, at Southern Play-ground, Wanchai, 5 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Cross Land Auction Sale, PWD office, 3 p.m.
HK Rifle Association, meeting to revive organisation, HK Defence Force Drill Shed, Murray Parade Ground, 5.45 p.m.
HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

HK Dental Society, clinical meeting, HK University, Anatomy Lecture Room, 6.30 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Hotel Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting at GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, whist drive, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, dancing class, 8.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tue H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, whist morning, 10 a.m.
Union Jack Club, whist drive, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 7 p.m.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN MOLUCCAS

The Hague, June 3. Dr. J. P. Nijkamp, representative in Holland of the Independent Republic of the South Moluccas on Ambon Island, today appealed to the International Red Cross at Geneva to help the people of South Moluccas, because their staple food, sugar, was now being rationed.

Saying that this indicated that the food situation on the islands was critical, he asked the international Red Cross what measures they considered taking to save the people from starvation.—Reuter.

DP'S LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

The Displaced Persons who were brought here from Tientsin by the ss. Helmsch, yesterday morning, left for Lydda, Palestine by the Flying Tigers Airlines aircraft yesterday morning.

Numbering more than 50 persons, the DPs were repatriated from China assisted by the International Refugee Organisation. They are the fifth batch of DPs to be repatriated to Palestine.—Reuter.

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Classified Advertisements, accepted up to 5 p.m. for publication in the following days paper.

Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on the original form which should bear their names and addresses.

A suitable announcement will be inserted Free of Charge if Advertiser's requirements are satisfactorily answered.

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RENOMMEE DRESSES—Sale—Big Reductions. 504 Victory House, Wyndham Street (50 yards past Morning Post Bldg.) Tel. 35043.

DRESSES and Blouses (all kinds of materials) at competitive prices—from HK\$20.00 up. Satisfaction guaranteed. Inspection cordially invited at Long Kee Ladies Tailor 31D Nathan Road Kowloon.

LADIES, we have at your service all specialized operations for Helene Curiles cool waves, manicures oil perms, hairdyes & manicure—ROSE MARIE Beauty Parlour—Phone 50384—43, Han-kow Rd., Kowloon.

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PEKING ART RUG CO., 221A Nathan Rd., Kowloon, sell exclusively carpets and rugs. Please drop in and have a look.

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CARPETS, Rugs, Upholstery cleaned in your own home by modern, convenient DURACLEAN SERVICE DURACLEAN COMPANY, DEERFIELD, ILL. U.S.A. Agent: George Lin & Co., 202 Bank of East Asia Building, Tel. 24408.

CARPETS & RUGS—Genuine Peking and Tibetan, low prices, signs and colourings, various sizes come and inspect at "The China Rug Co., Kowloon Building, 4th Floor (Opposite Hong Kong Hotel) Queen's Road, Central.

DANCING LESSONS

BALL-ROOM dancing lessons may be arranged at Windsor, School of dancing, 1 Granville Road, Kowloon, 2-6 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

FOR SALE

CONVENIENT EASY Way to own a New Pilot Radio—Whether you need a bedside midge, large table model, or luxury radiogram, we have a "Pilot" to suit. Terms as low as \$20 per month. Colonial Agencies, Szechol Building, 14 Queen's Road, Phone 26310.

DRESSES: Latest variety of ready made Summer Dresses from \$20.00 up. Just arrived Raw Silk Linen, Seersucker. Inspection welcomed, orders taken. Koo Zang Co., 32 Nathan Road, Tel. 50696.

HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at \$1.00 per copy. Obtainable at: Leading Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers, Cinemas and "China Mail" Office.

CHINA MAIL PICTORIAL (Revised edition) at \$5.00 per copy. Obtainable at all Leading Book Stores and "China Mail" Office.

SCRIBBLING PAGES—100 pages at 50 cents each. On sale at "China Mail" Office, Windsor House, Tel. 22212.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947, and

IN THE MATTER of The Chinese Printing and Publishing Company Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovenamed company has lost its Memorandum of Association and the only available copy of the Articles of Association is illegible. It is proposed, therefore, to adopt a new Memorandum and Articles of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum and Articles of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 51, Gough Street, ground floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the offices of Messrs. F. Zimmern & Co., of Holland House, fourth floor, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid the Solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such new Memorandum and Articles of Association should file the objection with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong with the address for service within the Colony, of the person objecting thereto not later than the first day of August, 1950.

Dated the 20th day of May, 1950.

F. ZIMMERN & CO.,
Solicitors for
The Chinese Printing and Publishing Company, Limited.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947, and

IN THE MATTER of The Sui Wa Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovenamed company has lost its Register of Members and that application has been made under sec. 12 of Ordinance No. 40 of 1947 as amended by Ordinance No. 24 of 1948 to re-construct its Register of Members.

The Statutory Declaration in support and the exhibits thereto can be inspected on payment of \$1.00 in the office of the Registrar of Companies, at any time during Office hours.

All persons who claim to be shareholders of the Company should notify the Company or Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist of No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, Solicitors for the Company of their full names and addresses, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based within 3 months from the expiration of the calendar week in which the first advertisement in the China Mail appears.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 1950.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for
The Sui Wa Company Limited.

NATURALISATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John Shiu Kee Loong of 69 Bonham Road Hong Kong is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS

No. 43 of 1949

IN THE MATTER of the Trusts of the Will and Coddell of Wel. Ah Kwong, deceased

IN THE MATTER of the Trustees Ordinance No. 18 of 1934.

ALL Persons claiming to be children of sons or the representatives of deceased children of sons of the abovenamed deceased, living on the 18th day of November, 1942 and as such claiming to be entitled upon the distribution of the Residuary Estate of the abovenamed deceased are pursuant to an Order made in the above proceedings on the 26th day of May, 1950 required to give notice of their claim to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of July, 1950 or the Trustees will proceed to distribute the Residuary Estate, having regard to the claims of which on that date they have notice.

Dated the 5th day of June, 1950.

BRUTTON & CO.,
Solicitors for the Trustees.

Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Ltd.

CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The offices of the above Department will be situated in the Port Office Building, Room 23A, 2nd Floor, as from 8th June, 1950.

Telephone Nos. 39266 and 39588 will remain unchanged.

W. G. FITZ-GIBBON
Custodian of Property and
Custodian of Enemy Property.

Hong Kong, June 4, 1950.

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TO LET AT KADOOIE AVENUE, KOWLOON
New apartments 5 rooms 2 bathrooms \$1,040 month on acceptable terms.

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Tel: 31255

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Dr. Raden A. Subardjo (left), Ambassador-at-Large and Head of the Indonesian Delegation to the Bagulo Conference, and Mr. G.C. Saw, President of the Indonesian Association of Hong Kong. (Photo by Victor Studio).

OBJECTORS TO STREET NAMES GET GAOLED

Nicosia, June 3.

The Cyprus Supreme Court on Saturday sentenced the Communist mayor and six Municipal Councillors of Limassol to jail until they undertake to carry out an order issued by the Governor to restore two street names.

Two councillors, one Greek and one Turk, who stated that they disagreed with their colleagues and had no intention of disobeying the order, were discharged.

The six sentenced announced in court that they will not obey the order, and the Chief Justice said the court had no option but to punish them for flagrant contempt of the Supreme Court.

A group outside the court, which cheered the councillors as they were taken away to prison, quickly dispersed without further incident.

The councillors objected to street names because "they were named after personalities of the gloomiest period of imperialist despotism and national oppression of Hellenic Cyprus."—Associated Press.

PAKISTAN WHEAT FOR JAPAN

Karachi, June 3.

Japan and Pakistan signed an agreement today, the former purchasing 100,000 tons of Pakistani wheat at \$27 per ton in bulk and free on board, Karachi.

The two Japanese officials who signed the agreement, J. Toda, Director of the International Trade Bureau, and T. Sakaya of the Ministry of Agriculture, left for Japan late tonight.—Associated Press.

AMNESTY FOR NAZIS ASKED

Bonn, June 3.

The Central Committee of the German Unity Party, which holds 17 of the 371 seats in the Bundestag (Lower House) today demanded a political amnesty for all former Nazis in West Germany.

This party, belonging to the Government coalition of Dr. Konrad Adenauer, won over a 1,000,000 votes in the general elections last year.—Reuter.

AID BILL TO BE SIGNED TODAY

Washington, June 3.

President Truman will sign on Monday the \$53,121,450,000 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill. The measure authorizes funds for the third year's operation of

Indonesian delegates leaving today

The Indonesian delegation to the Bagulo Conference who arrived in Hong Kong on Friday will leave by plane for Singapore and thence to Jakarta today.

The delegation comprises Dr. Raden A. Subardjo, Ambassador-at-Large, leader of the delegation, Dr. R. R. Tj. Soemarto, LLD, head of Division of Pacific Affairs Professor Raden Priyana of the University of Jakarta and Mr. R. Sudomo of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

A cocktail party was given in their honour at the Netherlands Consul-General's residence, 509, Barker Road.

Dr. Subardjo said that the Bagulo Conference was conducted on the basis of true democracy and followed democratic principles.

It was the first of its kind in Asia and as such it was a great success for building up better relations and understanding among the people of the seven nations which took part. Discussions centred mainly on cultural, social and economic protection of territorial integrity and sovereignty and freedom of the peoples of the seven nations: was not brought up.

"At a later meeting," concluded Dr. Subardjo, "we hope to recommend that freer emigration among the seven nations be encouraged."

Mr. G. C. Saw, Director of the "New China Times," Indonesia, and President of the Indonesian Association in Hong Kong, said that the Conference on the whole was not the failure it was thought to be by many people. There were matters which had been discussed at the Conference which were not revealed to the Press.

In Mr. Saw's opinion the Bagulo Conference in itself had achieved something. This is the beginning of the common united front which the seven participating Nations have formed for all future conferences held by the Big Powers.

ANTI-RED BILL PROTESTED

Melbourne, June 3.

Railway union chiefs in Victoria tonight ordered that no trains should run in the stage on Monday, as a protest against the Australian Government's anti-Communist bill.

Six other unions have already called a one-day protest stoppage for Monday.—Reuter.

The Marshall Plan and to start the President's Point Four plan to help backward areas in the world.—Reuter.

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RIGHT AT THE START

AS EARLY as possible in the play, preferably right at the start, is the best time to attempt a move which depends for its success upon hoodwinking the other side. If you attempt it later, your opposition may have so much information that your purpose is clear. In that case, the very thing you want the friendly enemy to do is the one thing he is certain not to do. In the beginning, however, he is to some extent a guesser and is obliged to govern his actions in accordance with the meagre facts at that time in his possession.

S 9 7 6 2
H 8 7 4
D A 6 3 2
C K 5
S J 10 8
H A Q
D 10 9 7 4
C 8 6 3

Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.

South West North East
1 S Pass 2 S Pass
4 S

If you were in the East position on this rubber bridge hand, how would you size up the situation? West led the diamond 4.

You played the J, and South won with the K. Then South led the club 4 to the K. What would you think he was trying to do?

Wouldn't you deduce that he was planning to ruff one or more losing clubs in the dummy? If you did, you would of course take the club K with the A and return your singleton trump to cut down

the dummy's spades available for ruffing.

That spade lead would be won by the A, would be followed by two more high spades and three clubs, on which two hearts could be discarded as West ruffed the last of these. After that the defenders could score only one trick in hearts, as South could trump his other heart in the dummy. Such play would render the contract a winner.

The declarer in this case, however, did not make the club play immediately upon winning the first trick. He scored a couple of trumps first, disclosing the bad break. Next he tried for a split in diamonds, so he could discard a heart. When that failed, he was licked. Shortly thereafter he had to lose a club trick to East, who obviously had to return a heart, producing there two tricks to beat the contract. Even if East had happened to have the four spades, so that he could return one, he would not have done so at that stage, but would have made the killing return of a heart.

Tomorrow's Problem

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H K J
D 10 9 7 6 3 2
C A 7 8 5 4 3

S 10 9 8
H A Q
D K Q J
C K 9 8 2

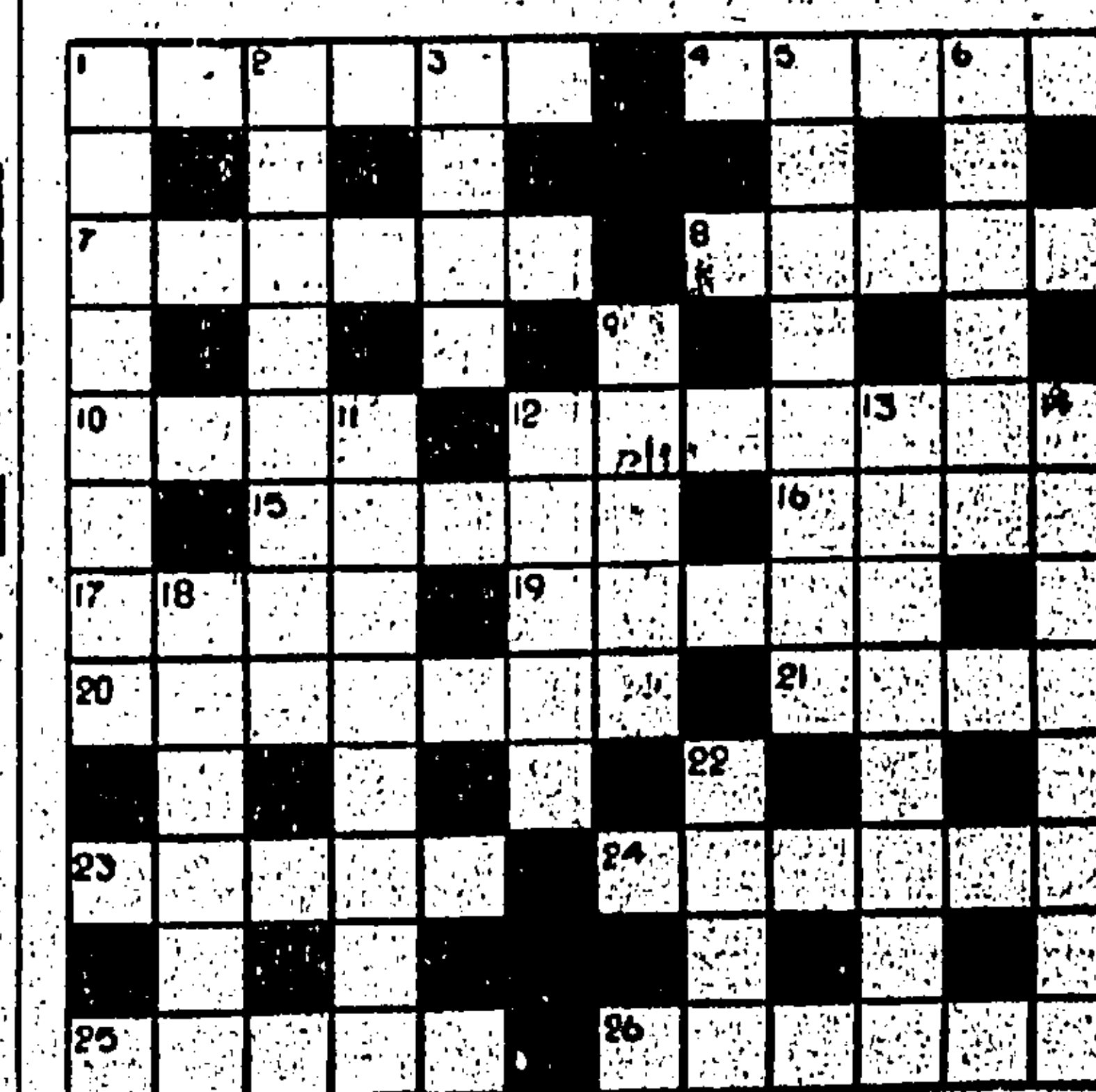
S A K 8 4
H 3 2
D 10 4
C 8 4

S Q J 5
H 8 7 6 5 3 2
D A
C 10 4

(Dealer: North, North-South vulnerable)

What bidding would you recommend here after East decides to open with 1-Spade?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Specimen. 10 Tend. 11 Bird. 12 Notice of. 13 Sweet stuff. 14 marriage. 15 Breakdown. 16 Letters. 17 Elapse. 21 Extent. 22 Feeding. 23 Hard coal. 24 Less. 25 ing. 26 Treasonable. 27 Festivity. 28 office.

Down

1 Wild flight. 2 Sweet stuff. 3 Bird. 4 Breakdown. 5 Feeding. 6 Less. 7 Treasonable. 8 Festivity. 9 office. 10 Tend. 11 Bird. 12 Notice of. 13 Sweet stuff. 14 marriage. 15 Breakdown. 16 Letters. 17 Elapse. 21 Extent. 22 Feeding. 23 Hard coal. 24 Less. 25 ing. 26 Treasonable. 27 Festivity. 28 office.

Saturday's Crossword

Across: 1 Crumple. 2 Admire. 3 Admire. 4 Admire. 5 Admire. 6 Admire. 7 Admire. 8 Admire. 9 Admire. 10 Admire. 11 Admire. 12 Admire. 13 Admire. 14 Admire. 15 Admire. 16 Admire. 17 Admire. 18 Admire. 19 Admire. 20 Admire. 21 Admire. 22 Admire. 23 Admire. 24 Admire. 25 Admire. 26 Admire. 27 Admire. 28 Admire. 29 Admire. 30 Admire. 31 Admire. 32 Admire. 33 Admire. 34 Admire. 35 Admire. 36 Admire. 37 Admire. 38 Admire. 39 Admire. 40 Admire. 41 Admire. 42 Admire. 43 Admire. 44 Admire. 45 Admire. 46 Admire. 47 Admire. 48 Admire. 49 Admire. 50 Admire. 51 Admire. 52 Admire. 53 Admire. 54 Admire. 55 Admire. 56 Admire. 57 Admire. 58 Admire. 59 Admire. 60 Admire. 61 Admire. 62 Admire. 63 Admire. 64 Admire. 65 Admire. 66 Admire. 67 Admire. 68 Admire. 69 Admire. 70 Admire. 71 Admire. 72 Admire. 73 Admire. 74 Admire. 75 Admire. 76 Admire. 77 Admire. 78 Admire. 79 Admire. 80 Admire. 81 Admire. 82 Admire. 83 Admire. 84 Admire. 85 Admire. 86 Admire. 87 Admire. 88 Admire. 89 Admire. 90 Admire. 91 Admire. 92 Admire. 93 Admire. 94 Admire. 95 Admire. 96 Admire. 97 Admire. 98 Admire. 99 Admire. 100 Admire.

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CYNICAL OUTLOOK IN INDO-CHINA ON THE U.S. AID PROGRAMME

Saigon, June 4.

Will Anglo-American financial aid to South East Asia pour dollars down the drain? Will economic aid achieve its purpose—halt the Southward surge of Communism? These and kindred questions are being asked in Saigon by many business men, soldiers and diplomats, giving a hesitant welcome to the Special United States Economic Mission to Indo-China, just established by the State Department.

SLIM'S TALKS IN CAIRO

Cairo, June 3.

Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, is expected to be received by King Farouk tomorrow before getting down to defence talks with Egyptian leaders on Monday.

The Field-Marshal arrived today at Farouk airport on the fringe of the desert near Cairo for the talks, which may include discussion of evacuating British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

Observers here today linked the Field-Marshal's visit with the recent declaration by Britain, France and the United States on the Middle East arms policy—particularly as defence of the strategic Canal zone would be one of the most important items in any Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

Before leaving for the Far East on Tuesday evening, the Field-Marshal will see the United States Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, the French Ambassador, Maurice Couve de Murville, and the Australian Minister, Mr. Claude Massey.

Admiral Sir John Edleston, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Station, is expected to arrive in Cairo shortly and is likely to take part in the Anglo-Egyptian defence talks as when reference is made to the defence of the Suez Canal area and the responsibilities of the Mediterranean Fleet.

Also expected here shortly is the Egyptian Ambassador in London, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha. He is expected to convey to the Egyptian Government an amplification of the recent British reply to the Egyptian note.—Reuter.

VIETMINH RADIO ACCUSES U.S.

San Francisco, June 3.

The Vietminh radio, Voice of Vietnam, commenting on the establishment of an ECA mission in Indo-China, accused the United States of plotting to "convert Indo-China into a base of aggression against the rising tide of the people's movement and a military base for the new war which the international reactionaries are preparing," according to the Peking radio.

The Voice of Vietnam said the United States "intends to support the French colonialists in Indo-China in the same way as British influence had once been supplanted in Greece,"—United Press.

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Announcing the Mission's establishment, in a letter to Emperor Bao Dai of Vietnam, Mr. Edmund A. Gullion, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Legation, stated recently: "My Government has reached this decision in order to assist Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to restore stability and pursue development."

The American note added: "The Government of the United States recognizes that this American assistance will be complementary to the effort made by the three Associated States and France, without any intention of substitution. American aid is designed to reinforce the joint effort of France and the Governments and peoples of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, on whom rests the primary responsibility for the restoration of security and stability."

When the first American Economic Mission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Allen Griffin, visited Saigon in March last, the overall sum of \$100 million was mentioned as the full extent of aid to the three Kingdoms.

As the weeks wore on, that sum was whittled down at Washington to \$15 million for economic aid and an unspecified sum, unofficially estimated at \$25 million, for military aid. Additionally, Indo-China was to receive part of the unspent residue of American aid to Nationalist China, amounting to \$20 million and \$35 million.

Specific figures are still awaited. American diplomats in Saigon stated an announcement would probably be made in Washington in June.

Business critical
 Such aid as will be given, they added, would be linked, but not subsidiary, to general Anglo-American-Australian aid for Burma, Malaya, the Philippines and Indonesia.

French official reaction is favourable to the American Economic Mission—if only because France cannot afford to run counter to American proposals and because the overwhelming proportion of U.S. military aid will go to the French Army in Indo-China.

Influential French business circles in Indo-China are critical. A few think that more dollars in Indo-China will mean more business for them, but the majority appeared to agree with a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce who said: "We fear an influx of American goods will drive French goods off the market. So far, French products have enjoyed a protective tariff. Does American aid mean that American goods will come to Indo-China duty free? In that case, why should Americans be given a privilege denied to British goods?"

It has been said cynically possibly with a grain of ugly truth, that U.S. aid may indirectly subsidize opium growing in Laos, purchase more concubines for Cambodian royalty, enrich proprietors of Saigon roulette salons and the host of ringleaders for personal and political power in this troubled land.

The Special Aid Mission will be headed by Mr. Robert Blum, competent administrator of the Economic Co-operation Administration, who will open sub-missions in Laos, Cambodia and in Hanoi, capital of North Vietnam, with headquarters office in Saigon.

Another Syria?
 According to banking circles, the annual salaries and overheads of the Mission will equal the operational cost of a battleship.

French newspapers in Saigon have expressed fear that Indo-China may become another Syria, implying that the Americans may financially and politically oust France from the country in the same way as they allege Britain persuaded France to evacuate the Lebanon and Syria in 1946.

American diplomats scoffed at the suggestion, which they said, reflected a "colonial mentality."

Frenchmen replied that American and Australian pressure forced the Dutch to grant complete independence to Indonesia—the U.S. threatened to withdraw Marshall Aid from Holland—the result being a blow to centuries-old Dutch business, fall of Dutch prestige, and, they claimed, a new market for American exporters.

It can happen here too, they contended.

A senior French army officer commented: "If Britain and Australia spent the millions sterling they propose to give to Burma on their own defence, they would be more realistic."

He added: "You are pouring money down the drain. You cannot stem the Red tide with dollars, refrigerators, or films, or round up guerillas with mechanical ploughs."

What is wanted
 What is wanted in Indo-China? The French answer—primarily military equipment, more tanks, guns, aircraft, armoured river craft.

The Three Kingdoms—which have so far failed to agree between themselves on the proportional allotment of American aid—demand agricultural and earth-moving machinery, electrical, railway and building equipment, fertilisers—and hard cash in plenty.

The peasant millions of rice fields and mountains would probably reply simply: "First, freedom from fear of Vietminh raids, then more water buffaloes and oxen."

But in Oriental lands, the peasant is silent, patiently enduring as he has for 1,000 years.

Radio Vietminh, Communist-controlled station broadcasting from the rebel zone near the Chinese frontier, commented caustically on the U.S. aid plan: "Vietnam is pledging liberty for Mickey Mouse films. Ministers will buy shiny American cars, peasants will get long speeches to eat."

A Vietnamese newspaper in Hanoi commented editorially: "So far, American aid has amounted to the despatch of a mission (the chief of which is paid 10 times the salary of the Premier), a lot of speeches and some rifles, none of which rebuilds our villages. We want to know how much and what we are to receive—and how much we have to pay for it."—Reuter.

APPEAL BY IRAQ PREMIER

Baghdad, June 3.

Premier Tawfiq Suwayid appealed to the Iraq Parliament today for a free hand in trying to end the present deadlock between the Arab League and Jordan.

He assured the house "I am doing everything possible to break the existing deadlock between the League and Jordan over the unification of Palestine and to strengthen the ties binding the Arab peoples."

The Premier said that to have a debate on this vexed question at the moment might prejudice his efforts or lead to the failure of his mission of mediation.

Jordan's Foreign Minister, Mohammed Pasha Shareid, an ex-Premier Samir Rifai, who arrived here today, have already seen the Iraq Premier.—Reuter.

The shade of King Solomon

Detroit, June 3.

Circuit Judge Ira Jayne rose wearily after granting Mrs. Raphael Tucker a divorce from her husband, Walter, when the couple began arguing about who was to get their cocker spaniel.

Peach was a Christmas gift of which Walter bought one half and gave it to Rachel, and Rachel bought the other half for Walter.

They did not specify their specific halves at the time. The judge finally declared impatiently: "Divide the dog physically between you. I don't care who gets which end."

The Tuckers still haven't solved their problem.—United Press.

GREEK PLAN FOR CYPRUS

Cyprus, June 3.

The Greek Premier, General Nicola Plastiras, wants Cypriots to be given a double nationality—Greek and British—according to an Athens radio message received in London today.

He has three other proposals for the British Government in an effort to solve the Cyprus question, Athens newspapers said today.

1. A local Cypriot Parliament, which would send representatives to the Greek Parliament, who would have similar status to Greek Members of Parliament.

2. A Greek Governor-General for Cyprus in charge of all administrative services.

3. Britain to retain military bases in Cyprus.

The newspapers said that General Plastiras would try to persuade the British Government to settle the whole matter by direct negotiations, by-passing the United Nations.

Meanwhile, a delegation of leftwing Cypriot Greeks is now in London on the first lap of a world tour to win support for Enosis—union with Greece.

The delegation expected support from Russia "along with many other freedom-loving countries like India, Pakistan, Israel and Mexico."

They hope to get the case for Enosis on the United Nations agenda for the General Assembly meeting next September.—Reuter.

Rome, June 3.
 Thirty Italian Holy Year pilgrims on their way to visit a sanctuary at Tivoli near Rome, were seriously injured tonight when their bus overturned in a winding road in the Alban hills.—Reuter.

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THE WEAPON OF GOLD

Striking disclosures are made in an article published in the "New York Post" about the extent of Soviet gold smuggling as part of a planned rouble offensive against the pound and the dollar. The article, written by Sylvia F. Porter, declares that Russia is now smuggling vast fortunes in gold bars and coins to her agents in key spots of the world—in Sweden, France, Italy, Switzerland, Tangiers, Hong Kong and Macao.

Inside reports are that the Soviet's shipments of this most precious of all monetary metals just in the last 15 weeks run far above \$200,000,000, may even surpass the \$300,000,000 mark. The gold is being taken out of Russia's metal reserves, loaded on Russian steamers, shipped from such ports as Vladivostok to such ports as Marseilles and is then being re-routed to the Soviet's financial agents in the chosen areas.

It is not being done "officially"; no announcement of the shipments has been made, of course. But from Zurich comes the story of large arrivals of gold bars "in transit." And the bars have been identified as Russian.

From Tangiers and Macao comes the tale of the sudden appearance of big bags of gold coins and bars. And the bags bear not only the stamp of the USSR but also carry the stampings of the original owners—"Reichsbank, 1912," "Federal Reserve Bank, 1932." (It was in 1932 and 1933 that gold was fleeing the U. S. for "safer" havens.)

When General Eisenhower addressed the nation's newspaper publishers in New York recently, he urged them to seek clues to Russia's plans in her commercial and economic transactions. For, often deals in this area reveal more than a thousand diplomatic manoeuvres.

We know how deeply the Soviet treasures her gold hoard—variously estimated at from 2 to 5 billion dollars. Why then is she sending such fortunes outside her borders and doing it "unofficially" too? We know that spies are traditionally paid in gold and Russia surely pays off hers in metal as we surely pay off ours. But what sort of espionage could possibly warrant this level of smuggling?

Financiers who study and deal in these mysterious markets see three explanations. First, Russia is building up gold hoards in key spots for future "dumping" purposes—is getting set to dump gold in the global markets to drive down its price at crucial moments. She already has dumped plenty of the metal. Her sales in Paris, Tangiers, etc., during February and March were a major factor in the sensational slump in the world black market prices for gold.

The reason: to bewilder and terrify the industrialists of Europe and Africa who completely distrust paper money, have faith only in gold as a measure of value and their own fortunes. When the world gold price crashes, their confidence is bitterly shaken, their willingness to invest in and continue business activities is deeply undermined. Officially, Russia would not sell gold on the black markets. Unofficially, she could—and she has dumped and she will dump—to wage economic and

GERMAN BUSINESS ARMY PLANS INVASION

Firms trading with South America will soon be facing cut-throat German competition.

This is the inescapable conclusion after studying the plans of the grandiose "South American Expedition, 1950," and after hearing the views of numerous German firms on the chances.

This new challenge takes the form of a well-planned and imaginative economic expedition which will set out from Munich in May with the intention of regaining place in the South American market—and, if humanly possible, of vastly increasing the area of that place.

The expedition looks like a winner. It is staffed by hand-picked men, and the planners seem to have thought of everything.

Chief personnel will be high-powered sales executives, commercial buyers, experienced intermediaries, advertising experts, scientific report writers, journalists and cameramen.

All have at least 10 years business or industrial experience of South America and to their technical qualifications they can add ability to speak fluent Spanish and Portuguese.

Team's aims

The aims of this formidable team are simply "to create larger markets for German products." It is also to help small and medium-size firms and factories in Germany to find new markets for their goods.

What is the reason for this concerted assault on South American markets? Simply this: Germany's business has been abroad again, but currency restrictions and red tape hamstringing them considerably and the expense of a prospecting tour as far afield as South America is prohibitive. The expedition will be the commercial traveller for all Federal Germany.

Every concern likely to be interested has received a handsome prospectus setting forth the advantages of the scheme; and the very low cost is attracting large numbers of firms who until now have been thinking of South American markets entirely in terms of the distant future.

Air-mail advice

For as little as £2 the expedition undertakes to find at any given centre a firm capable of doing business with the German customer.

Expert opinion backed by up-to-date fact and figures on the commercial possibilities of any area from Panama to Patagonia also costs £2. For £10 customers may receive by air-mail 35 yards of film and an "expertise" on any enterprise they are interested in. Fees fall sharply when the expedition is given several commissions to fulfill.

Not-too-bulky samples will also be taken along and presented for inspection in all likely quarters. Contacts will be made, contracts will be placed for home firms and Herr Schmidt will even get a photograph of his Latin associate—if he wants one.

Apart from the small fees the only expense is postage. Right from the start a regular air-mail service to home customers will be maintained.

So for an outlay of say, £50 manufacturers may within a few weeks or less be in a position to place valuable orders in places they couldn't previously have found on the map. And be in a position to know all the relevant facts about the firm they are doing business with even to know, by rummaging the files, what the South American set-up looks like.

Eye on future

Allied authorities do not think the expedition intends to try dabbling in politics while overseas, though business contacts with South American Nazis will undoubtedly be renewed.

psychological warfare on the West.

Second, Russia is creating these hoards in outside spots so she can pick up foreign currencies when she wants them—the pound, the dollar, etc.—at prices much below the official rates. For gold still will buy any currency at a discount in the world markets. And again, the economic and psychological advantages to the Soviet are clear.

Finally, Russia is getting in position to wage a rouble offensive against the pound and the dollar, to back her currency with gold in fact as well as fancy—when and if she is ready to move. This is international money-juggling in the classical tradition. A pattern of competition and conflict is being drawn—and Russia is seizing upon every weapon the capitalist nations ever devised.

If we fail to act actively on our own in this sphere, we will commit an unpardonable blunder. No, a criminal blunder.

But while it seems clear the venture is frankly commercial it is inspired not a little by nationalist feeling. Well-cemented business ties can be of great political value to Germany in the future. This is borne out by the expressed intention of making a de-

By
Ian Stanbury

tailed coast-to-coast examination after purely business matters have been completed "to give would-be emigrants the most exhaustive evaluation of their chances in little-known areas of the continent."

German firms formerly doing a large South American trade are enthusiastic about the expedition's prospects of success and it is easy to see why.

Illicit deals in ivory

By Dudley Hawkins

Highly organised gangs of ivory poachers are taking heavy toll of Africa's biggest elephants.

Using bows and arrows tipped with poison lawless hunters operate deep in the heart of the African jungle, along the bank of the Tana River in Kenya.

They are the under-paid key men of an illicit trade which has a turnover of many thousand pounds a year.

A ring of smugglers accepts the ivory and, dodging Customs officials, sells it to merchants in India.

One of the men leading the battle against the poachers told me that the ivory is used to make bracelets and ornaments which are negotiable as a "bride price" when Indian parents want to have their daughters married off.

The gangs employ tactics which would do credit to the Secret Service, working a series of under-cover men so that all except immediate links are unknown to each other.

This is how the scheme operates: An Indian, anxious to secure a good husband for his daughter, needs carved ivory, bangles and ornaments. He approaches an Indian trader in his village or town and a message is passed down until it reaches the unknown leader of the ring in India.

The "master-mind" has on his books a number of men who sail shows—great wooden-built, lantern-rigged sailing vessels—across the Indian Ocean to the African coast. They carry legitimate cargoes, but before calling at Zanzibar, Mombasa or Lamu, they glide silently into one of the myriad creeks along the ragged coastline.

Real business

Now the real business begins. Contacting a trader in a coastal village the skipper, using the customary oblique approach over

fashion problem

A fashion problem—"What is the matter with the fez?"—is worrying industrialists and business men in Cairo.

After being the popular man's hat for generations, the Egyptian fez or tarbush is now losing favour all over the country, and the fez-producing industry is almost at a standstill.

In 1930, some 5 million fezes were produced, in 1939 the number was less than 3 million and in 1949 only about 300,000 were manufactured. So far the manufacturers can offer no explanation for the slump save that modern young Egyptians prefer to go bareheaded.

Even a request by the manufacturers that all Civil servants be forced to wear the fez has been turned down by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the grounds that the Ministry must, unfortunately, move with the times.

Described by the dictionary as a "tasseled, dull-red truncated cone," the fez has, until now, been popular for the simple reason that it added to a person's height. Worn by the expert, writes Margaret Gillard, the fez can possess a special code of its own. At a jaunty angle it means the wearer is happy, placed at the back of the head, it indicates a happy-go-lucky mood and worn close to the forehead it signifies that the wearer wishes to talk business.

In spite of all these attributes, however, the fez seems doomed to extinction.

So far as can be assessed it seems assured of considerable support, also from new concerns and many which were never previously in South American trade. And the German thoroughness of its preparations bodes no good at all for business rivals.

Danger to British trade
 For Germany this is a golden opportunity of regaining rapidly and at small cost lost overseas markets.

To that extent it spells danger to British trade. The pound sterling is less attractive than ever before, while recovering Germany's Deutsche Mark is a very hard currency indeed, and a currency which seems likely to enjoy a prosperous international future.

Can British firms avert this threat? Is such a cheap, efficient service available to them? Can the Commercial Sections of British South American embassies compete with this? These are urgent questions.

A cup of sticky sweet coffee, mentions the need for ivory.

Prices are discussed. The skipper leaves, and the trader conveniently finds "pressing business" in another village. Here he contacts an African, who, in turn, contacts yet another native further inland.

After weeks of intrigue and secrecy, the message reaches the actual hunter.

The elephants in the Tana River area are the biggest in Africa, their tusks often weighing as much as a hundred-weight each. As first-grade ivory fetches about 25s. a pound at the auctions in Dar-es-Salaam and Zanzibar, that puts the value of a single tusk at a little more than £100.

Surrounding the deep jungle of the river are wide open steppe lands, where grows the *Acacia senegal*. A trader, like a holly—firm, which the poacher makes one of the deadliest poisons in the world.

His arrows which have detachable steel heads are lashed with village fashions.

"These black scallywags have no fear," I was told. "To test the poison, they lick their wrist with an arrow-head, let the blood run, then apply the paste-like poison to it. If the blood turns black, then the poison is virile and they are ready for the kill. Some of them even taste it."

Working in gangs, ivory poachers work in gangs, seldom fewer than six, and often as many as forty. Their arrowheads are marked with their own "signature" so that there can be no dispute over the victims.

Normally one man can carry one tusk—about eight feet of solid ivory.

But the hunters' job is not ended, for the tusks have to be hidden from the ever-active patrols of Kenya's game wardens. Usually, the ivory is buried in secretly marked caches, at a safe distance from the elephant's carcasses. They may stay there for weeks, even months, before the time is suitable for their collection.

Some show skippers refuse to take full-size tusks because they are difficult to hide. Often they provide saws so that the poachers can cut the tusks into two-foot lengths.

From hideout to skipper, the ivory goes through the long chain of undercover men, nobody knowing anybody else except his immediate contact. The man who killed the elephant gets about two shillings for each pound of ivory, but by the time all the go-betweens have had their "take-off," the price is ten times greater. The costs town merchant, incidentally, gets the biggest cut.

Much of the ivory finds its way to Zanzibar, where it is carved into the trinkets so much in demand by Indian fathers-in-law.

Ivory has a great historical significance in India, but Indian elephants do not have large tusks, and for centuries ivory from African elephants has been imported.

The Queen of Sheba had bangles made from the tusks of the ancestors of the three-ton beasts which are hunted so remorselessly in the jungles of the Tana River.

But now the hunters are themselves hunted. The Kenya Game Department, though understaffed, is gradually tracking down these ivory poaching tribesmen.

"We, too, watch the vultures," an official told me. "And they watch very closely. The collection of tusks in the Customs warehouses at Mombasa proves the vigilance of this handful of men, who are determined to save the wild creatures of Africa from extinction."

A tree still grows in Hampstead

By Arthur La Bern

They have taken the old plum tree away from the little garden in Hampstead and planted a slender young strippling in its place.

Not a world-shattering event perhaps, for the old plum tree had really had its day. But this is no ordinary garden, this is a garden of hedges green and shadows numberless and the old plum tree was no ordinary plum tree, for under it one morning in May 1810 was written one of the loveliest odes in the English language.

The plum tree has gone but the 230-year-old mulberry tree is still there, and round it on the lawn is grouped a class of American students in silks and ties as bright as the flowers in the garden. With a South Carolina accent, one of them is reciting the words written in this garden more than 130 years ago:

"Thou wast not born for death, Immortal Bird!"

No hungry generations tread thee down:

The voice I hear this passing night was heard

In ancient days by emperor and clown.

Yes, the American lad with the bright tie and the crew-style haircut is reciting Keats' "Ode to a Nightingale."

Seven thousand people from all parts of the world visit Keats' garden in Hampstead every year. Only this week it has been visited by Indians and Italians, Swedes and Germans, by people from Toronto and Tunbridge Wells, from Barnsley and the British West Indies.

It has been written: "In the first century there was a carpenter's shop. In the last century there was a chemist's shop. From one came Christ, from the other came Keats."

Wartime escape

During the war Keats' house at Hampstead narrowly escaped total destruction from incendiary, flying bomb, and shell, and the local authorities are appealing for £5,000 to put the poet's house in order, and to buy some suitable period furniture.

It was in the garden of the old Spaniards Inn, of Dick Turpin fame, that Keats heard the nightingale singing, and the following morning in the garden of the house in which is now Keats' Grave wrote his immortal ode.

In that garden the young poet had fallen in love with 18-year-old Fanny Brawne, who lived next door, and to whom he became engaged.

Keats and Fanny never married. For two years later, he died in Rome, at the age of 25. Fanny Brawne remained single for 12 years, and in the museum next to the house you will see the red garnet ring which he gave her, and which she wore until her death.

Her treasures

Here too you will see the gold locket which she wore, inside which are two locks of his fair hair. Here too is a piece of unfinished embroidery on which it is said she was working when she heard of his death. The needle is still in it.

That irresponsible old gentleman George Bernard Shaw has described Hampstead as the most "hopelessly damned centre of callous suburbanism on earth," and just before the war an American business man visiting

England described the residents of Hampstead as "a godless lot of Bohemians."

I don't think either comment need be taken too seriously.

It was at Jack Straw's Castle (named after Mrs. Jack Straw) that Hampstead Heath in 1872 was dedicated to the public—having narrowly escaped becoming a new housing estate. Charles Dickens used to eat a chop there after a walk over the Heath, and nearby on the White Stone pond the infant Shelley used to sail paper boats.

Before the De

Even keen racegoers do not generally know that horse racing used to take place behind Jack Straw's Castle long before the Derby was instituted.

We find in the old Courant a record of a three-horse race being won by Mr. Bullock's "Merry Gentleman."

But the "merry gentlemen" and their lady friends who frequented the Hampstead Heath race-track were of such low company that eventually the authorities put a stop to the racing there.

I received a minor shock from the exterior of the world-renowned Bull and Bush. This song-famed tavern now displays a huge blue and crimson neon sign, a sign far larger than that seen by any public house in Pleadantly. On the edge of Hampstead Heath that sign seemed sadly incongruous.

Inside the Bull and Bush one hour more provincial accent than Cockney. The reason is that the T.U.C. hospital, the Manor House, is almost next door and convalescing miners and other invalid workers from the industrial areas go there to try to induce the 60-year-old parrot to talk.

Madrid's problem

The housing problem is serious the world over, but in few places can it have resulted in more drastic action than in Madrid.

Until recently, writes William Stutter, hundreds of Madrid's citizens lived in nothing more than holes in the ground or in caves on the outskirts of the city. As quickly as the authorities found houses for the cave-dwellers, other citizens moved in to the underground homes. When the caves were full they dug holes in the ground, lined them with wood and put scaffolding across the top to keep out the wind and rain.

Now Madrid's mayor has ordered that all make-shift houses be cleared from the outskirts as soon as possible. The reason is that no doubt because of the approaching tourist season—giant bulldozers and excavating machines have "churned up" the homes of some 50 families.

For the present, the unfortunate people who watched their suburb homes being ploughed into the ground, have been housed in communal centres provided by the Municipal Authorities.

All that is worrying them now is what happens when the tourist season is over. Many of them feel that by then the authorities may not be quite so sympathetic and that they may be forced to return to their "underground" homes.

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TORIES TO PRESS FOR DEBATE ON THE SCHUMAN PLAN

Mr. Winston Churchill's Conservatives will press for an early debate, when Parliament resumes on June 13, on why Britain is staying out of the Schuman plan talks, influential Conservative sources said tonight.

The same sources said that though dismayed by the turn events have taken, it is unlikely that the Conservatives will make it an issue on which the Labour Government, with its minute majority, might be brought down.

Leading Conservatives tonight said that it was disastrous not to have found a formula by which Britain could have come in on the six-nation negotiations on the French plan, which aims at pooling Europe's coal and steel resources.

One of these Conservatives added, "There is tremendous danger in throwing cold water on a plan that is an inspiration to the Western nations by appearing to stand aside and not take part in giving it full study."

He thought that the failure to find a basis on which Britain could take part in the talks—without necessarily committing herself in advance—would weaken her prestige and the readiness of Europe to accept her leadership.

But various Parliamentary Opposition figures conceded that there were points in the plan which Britain could not accept without further information.

These included the nature of the International Authority to administer the plan, to whom it would be responsible, and whether the aim was to form something resembling a cartel or a merger.

Mr. Churchill is known to be strongly sympathetic towards the Schuman plan. Recently he gave it his blessing through the European Union organisation of which he is Chairman.

Not committed

But he has not committed the Conservative Party to any irrevocable line.

Party tacticians do not believe that any alleged Labour shortcoming over the Schuman plan—for that matter any other foreign policy—would provide the best gambit for the Conservatives to overthrow the Government and appeal to the country.

Britain's remarkable recovery in recent months has tended to underline to all political parties here that she has a distinct chance of being one of the few economically independent countries by 1952, when Marshall aid ends.

This would probably be Labour's best weapon with a considerable section of the electorate if it were forced to defend its caution towards European integration in a General Election.

Britain's inability to join in today's six-power declaration on the Schuman Plan was received

PEACE IN BURMA BY JULY?

Rangoon, June 3. The Burma Government plans to achieve peace in Burma by July.

Burmese Communist rebels suffered heavy casualties when Government forces in their rebel offensive smashed their headquarters in the village of Yinchingtaung in Lounghon peninsula, South Burma, it was officially reported here today.

The Communists left behind large quantities of ammunition, provisions and stores, the Government forces announced.

In their present South Burma offensive, Government forces are aiming to clear areas held by three separate groups of rebels—the Karens organised into the armed Karen National Defence Organisation, the Communists, and the People's Volunteer Organisation—a powerful widespread armed organisation of resistance volunteers.

The surrender of insurgents with their arms has been reported at an accelerated pace in the past few days. In addition to members of the People's Volunteer Organisation and army deserters, some Communists have also surrendered—an action regarded here as unusual.

In their two-pronged offensive directed from Henzada, key rail and road centre about 100 miles West of Rangoon, Government forces have in the past few days re-occupied three villages and expect to occupy two more insurgent strongholds at any time.

Operations in this area are directed primarily against the Karen National Defence Organisation. Government troops are driving against the KNDOs entrenched at Kymphaw, between Bassein and Henzada, and against KNDOs and other insurgents in the North whose stronghold is Ingabu.

Government sources were confident today that both Kymphaw and Ingabu would fall any moment now.

One village South of Henzada and two villages to the North have already been re-occupied.

London, June 3.

with great understanding in official political and industrial circles in Paris.

No tension

The statement that Britain could not yet accept but, at the same time, did not wish to reject in advance the principles laid down in the French proposal, was seen as proof of Britain's anxiety not to prejudice or hamper the negotiations decided upon by her continental allies.

The French Government was understood to have chosen June 20 for opening the pool negotiations. Invitations to the Governments of Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Italy and Germany will probably be sent during the week-end.

The Saar is automatically included in the negotiations under its treaty arrangements with France.

Despite the sometimes hectic atmosphere during the past week's rapid diplomatic exchanges between London and Paris, there is absolutely no atmosphere of tension in Franco-British relations here today.

The contrary is the case. Britain's hesitations are fully appreciated, and the warm tone of leading British newspapers in applauding the French initiative has gratified official and political quarters here.

U.S. envoy sees Monnet

The American Ambassador in London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, who arrived in Paris this morning, immediately went to see M. Jean Monnet, the main author of the Schuman Plan.

It was learned that Mr. Douglas discussed the coal and steel plan with M. Monnet. As France prepared to give the signal for negotiations to begin without Britain—Britain's delivery of a new communication on the Schuman Plan to pool European coal and steel.

Britain's latest observations, it was learned, are based on a study by the Foreign Office of the "eleventh-hour" talks last night between Sir Oliver Harvey and M. Schuman.

There were still hopes that Britain might be associated in some way with the negotiations. Sir Oliver delivered the latest communication at the French Foreign Office this morning. It was in the form of an amplification of the note he gave to M. Schuman last night.

A surprise

The French Government has proposed the establishment of a standing Liaison Committee to keep contact between Britain and the six nations participating in the Schuman talks.

A Foreign Office spokesman said. The proposal was contained in the last paragraph of the French note handed to Sir Oliver Harvey this morning.

The note, which made it clear that negotiations on the plan would go ahead without Britain, reached London later today.

In diplomatic quarters in Paris it was understood that while Britain did not consider it necessary to reply formally to the latest note the proposal to set up a Liaison Committee was warmly welcomed. It was still hoped that during the forthcoming negotiations the British and French standpoints may be brought into line.

The breakdown of the attempt to include Britain in the plan discussed was contained in a statement of surprise to the British Government, according to French official sources.

Last night, when Sir Oliver saw M. Schuman, the impression received in London was that M. Schuman had received favourably the last minute suggestion made by Mr. Bevin for a preliminary meeting of Ministers of the six interested countries.

Consequently, the considered answer given to Sir Oliver—that the proposal for such a conference was not acceptable—caused some consternation at the Foreign Office.

Official optimism

Observers, however, had felt for the last two days that the difference of approach between London and Paris had become too fundamental to be cured by any procedural suggestion.

M. Jean Monnet, the French author of the plan, is generally regarded as the strong man in Paris behind M. Schuman, who has stood out against any British watering down of the French desire to see participating countries committed to the principle of the plan before concrete discussions took place.

Official quarters in Paris were optimistic about the prospects of building a really united

Europe following the decision of France and five other continental countries to start negotiations on the merger.

Britain's inability to be in at the beginning was not taken tragically in the French capital. The French Government intended to place as much emphasis on keeping Britain associated with the negotiations through a special Liaison Committee of information as on the negotiations itself. It was stated in Government quarters.

The French High Commissioner in the Saar, M. Gilbert Grandval, said that if the Schuman Plan were realised, there should no longer be any Saar question between France and Germany.

Reuter.

Russian economic efforts snagged

Washington, June 3.

There still is considerable doubt that the Russians will succeed in welding the Soviet Union and her satellites into a solid economic bloc, the Agricultural Department's Foreign Office said today.

It said: "Every nation of the bloc is geared to the needs of the Russians and not of the satellites. The economic advantages of the satellites' co-operation with the West would be great, but they are obviously outweighed by political considerations."

The Department's Foreign Office reviewed recent developments in Eastern European trading in its monthly publication, "Foreign Agriculture." The success of the Soviet integration with the satellites would depend on three factors.

(1) "Success in industrialising the predominantly agricultural satellite countries of Eastern Europe.

(2) "Continued ability of the Soviet Union to supply Eastern European countries with raw materials and the other goods so necessary for industrial production.

(3) "Continued ability of the satellites to ship to the Soviets industrial goods such as locomotives, a shortage of which is likely to hamper their own economic development."

The Russians, by arbitrary price fixing, were getting far more valuable goods out of their satellites than they were shipping in. The Russians set high prices on goods sold to their satellites, and low prices on goods bought from their satellites.

The recent revaluation of the Soviet currency could benefit the Russians in their dealings with the satellites.

U.S. carrier on way to the Far East

San Diego, June 3. The 27,000-ton U.S. aircraft carrier, Philippine Sea, passed through the Panama Canal to join the Pacific Fleet.

Fleet Air Force headquarters here, which made the announcement, said the carrier is due here next Saturday.

Commissioned on the East Coast in 1946, the Philippine Sea has always served with the Atlantic Fleet until now.

FALSE COINS SENT TO HK

Manila, June 4.

The police said today that counterfeit U.S. gold coins have been shipped from Manila to Hong Kong via Borneo.

The statement was made following the arrest of five Chinese in Cebu City, Central Visayas, for counterfeiting U.S. gold coins.

Counterfeit gold coins of various denominations from US\$1 to US\$20 and complete paraphernalia were seized.

The counterfeiters said they had been operating for several weeks. Among those arrested were three Chinese engraving experts who claimed to have just arrived from the United States.

Associated Press.

European Cabinet meets in Paris

Paris, June 3.

The Committee of Ministers or Cabinet of the Council of Europe met here today to discuss the results of the meetings between their representatives and those of the Consultative Assembly in London on May 18.

The 13-member Committee were believed also to have considered the report they must present to the Consultative Assembly—the Council of Europe's "Parliament" in August on their actions during the past 12 months and the political reasons for them.

They were also believed to have discussed co-operation with the Council of Associate Members—States represented on the Consultative Assembly but having no seat in the Committee of Ministers.

Quarters close to the Council of Europe later said that the Committee of Ministers had approved the principle of a joint committee of the Committee of Ministers and the Consultative Assembly, proposed at the joint meeting in London.

The joint Committee would consist of five representatives of the Committee of Ministers and seven of the Assembly, including its President, M. Paul-Henri Spaak, who would preside.

The proposal would now be submitted to the Assembly. The Committee of Ministers were also understood to have agreed on the main lines of their report to the Assembly—which would be mainly factual—supplemented by a covering letter giving the political reasons for their action.

The covering letter would not be ready until just before the Committee of Ministers' meeting in Strasbourg on August 3.

Drafting report

The Council of Ministers' deputies will meet about six weeks before the August 3 meeting of the Council of Ministers to draft the political report.

The following communiqué was issued after the Committee of Ministers' meeting tonight: "The fourth session of the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe took place in Paris on June 3 under the Chairmanship of M. Nicholas Pliassas, the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, assisted by M. Jean Politis, Under-Secretary of State.

"The Committee examined the conclusions reached by the joint meeting which was held in London on May 18 and adjourned the proposal for the creation of a joint Committee.

"The Committee of Ministers further agreed on the lines for the drafting of the report which it is to furnish to the Consultative Assembly at its forthcoming session."—Reuter.

AIR TRAGEDY

Johannesburg, June 3.

Two former South African Air Force pilots stunting in an air display at Nigel, Witwatersrand, crashed and were killed today while the wife of one and the fiancée of the other watched from the ground.

The men were, C. F. Paxton who had just previously won a 50-miles air race and who was to have been married this month, and W. L. Nordert. Nordert's wife collapsed as the plane crashed into the display arena and Paxton's fiancée, Miss Ann Ryder of Pretoria, was taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Associated Press.

DUNKIRK VETERANS RETURN

Dunkirk, June 3.

Many men who ten years ago queued to escape the hell of the Dunkirk beaches were there again today to welcome the "little ships" when they went back to help celebrate the tenth anniversary of the evacuation.

British yachts, coasters, tugs and other small boats which gallantly contributed to the dramatic Franco-British evacuation under a hail of German bombs and artillery fire in 1940, approached the historic beaches gay with signal flags and British and French ensigns.

The weather, as in June 1940, was sunny and very close. Crowds of inhabitants of Dunkirk and nearby towns and villages gathered on the shore to see them come. Officials were waiting in the harbour.

The number of boats coming from Britain increased hourly. Dunkirk port authorities expected more than fifty but the rate of arrivals was such that some guessed that by tonight the figures would reach 100.

All the British visitors will be billeted in an official building on the fish market square, Place du Leugheer, where a British padre will tomorrow conduct a service for the British soldiers, sailors and seamen, land British and Canadian airmen who were killed in action in, off and above Dunkirk.

The British destroyer "Bleasdale" was also expected later.

Although Dunkirk—and specially its port—has made a wonderful recovery, it still bears the scars of one of the French towns which suffered most and longest in the war. Half the town is still in ruins.—Reuter.

WAR BRIDES DELAYED

London, June 3.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation said here tonight that a plane-load of war brides, detained at Hartford, Connecticut, was held up because someone somewhere had misunderstood the regulations.

The 43 British women, married to American Servicemen and with their 33 babies, were on their way from Britain to California.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation spokesman said tonight that a proper application had not been received for landing the chartered flight. He said the application would have to come from the country in which the aircraft was registered.

"So far no request for permission to land has come back to us," he said.—Reuter.

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IF WAR CAME:

U.S. troops would serve under French command

Washington, June 3.

Senator Richard Russell said today that the Ad-
ministration may have committed American
Army divisions to fight under French com-
mand if war comes in Europe.

The Georgia Democrat said the Senate Armed Ser-
vices Committee should look into that possi-
bility when it considers President Truman's
proposed \$1,222,500,000 foreign arms aid
programme next week.

Senator Russell, No. 2 De-
mocrat on the Committee, in-
dicated that the question of
foreign command over Ameri-
can troops would be put
directly to the Defence Secre-
tary, Louis Johnson and Gen-
eral Omar Bradley, chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Johnson is to testify on
the arms programme on Monday
and General Bradley on Tues-
day. Both will be asked to ex-
plain the programme and collec-
tive Western European defence.

Senator Russell noted that the
North Atlantic security pact calls
for pooled defence built on the
principle of balanced collective
forces.

Military leaders have said that
France would be assigned the
chief responsibility for ground
forces needed to meet any Rus-
sian onslaught in Europe. The
United States assignment would
be to provide long-range bombers
including atomic carriers and to
share the control of seas with
Britain. The Georgian said the
United States would be surren-
dering some of its sovereignty
under that arrangement.

Time for truth

Senator Russell also expressed
real doubt about Mr. Truman's
proposal to use up to \$1,222,500,-
000 of arms funds for any coun-
try whose defence he regarded as
important to American security.
He recalled his own prediction of
last year that it would cost the
United States \$25,000,000,000
ultimately to help rearm the anti-
Communist world. He added that
the estimate looks better today
than it did a year ago.

Criticism of the programme
also came from Senate Re-
publican leader Kenneth Wherry
and Republican Senator Owen
Brewster.

Senator Wherry said it is time
that the Administration gave the
country the truth on the prospects
for peace or war. He complained
that President Truman and
Mr. Dean Acheson (Secretary of
State) were making apparently
contradictory statements about
the outlook.

Senator Wherry recalled that
President Truman remarked on
Thursday that the world is closer
to permanent peace than at any
time since the end of World War
II, while Mr. Acheson said on
Friday that the \$1,222,500,000
foreign arms programme may
have to be increased in the im-

FRENCH ATTACK

Saigon, June 3.

French artillery and aircraft
were brought into play in a two-
day attack on rebel training bases
and the munitions factories
North West of here near the
Cambodian border, a French
military communiqué announced
today.

The communiqué said the re-
bels suffered heavy losses during
the action which lasted from May
20 to May 28.—United Press.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Random Rhythms.
8.45—A. H. Freeman for Women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Monday's Favourite Classics.
10.30—Morning Medley.
P.M.
12.00—J.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—B.B.C. School Broadcast.
12.30—Band Call.
1.00—Piano.
1.15—News.
1.30—Orch. Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Today's Choice.
4.15—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Makers.
5.15—Harmony Hall.
5.30—Children's Corner.
5.45—Radio Headlins.
6.00—Request Programme.
6.30—The Jumps' Jinks.
6.45—Do You Remember?
7.00—Terry and Grace.
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—B.B.C. News.
8.15—Local News.
8.45—Sammy Kay's Orch.
9.00—The Stars Sing.
9.15—"Time Out" with Allan Prescott.
9.30—The King's Theatre Quiz Program-
me.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.10—Local News.
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11.30—A Date with Dreamland.
12.00—Close Down.

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Programme from Scotland.
(BBC2)
1.15—News, Weather Report and An-
nouncements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—Jay Wilbur String Ensemble.
2.00—Close Down.
2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Program-
me Summary.
6.02—Children's Half Hour—Introduced
by Jack Frost. (Studio)
6.30—Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)
7.00—"The Richard Tauber Programme"
(BBC2)
7.30—"Off the Record"—Presented by
Ronnie Gibbons. (Studio)
8.00—World News and News Analysis.
(London Relay)
8.15—"I Like What I Like"—Presented
by George Hoddling. (Studio)
8.45—Linda Carter "Talks on Films."
(Studio)
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London
Relay)
9.11—"Concerto"—Mozart's Concerto in
D Major, Marcel Moyse (Piano)
with Orch. accompaniment.
9.30—"Play—One Fine Day"—By
Emery Bonetti. Produced for the
Hong Kong Stage Club by Bob
Fuller. (Studio)
10.15—Latin American Music.
10.30—"At the Ballet"—"Miracle in the
Gorbals." (Arthur Bliss).
10.45—Music for Dancing with Benny
Goodman and His Orch.
11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
11.15—"Goodnight Music."
God Save the King.
11.30—Close Down.

International Socialist conference at Copenhagen

Copenhagen, June 3.

Socialist prejudice against the United States must
be expressed as out of date, Mr. Morgan
Phillips, Secretary of the British Labour Party,
told the International Socialist conference
here today.

"For two decades the United States has been the
most progressive country in the world outside
Britain and Scandinavia," he declared.

"Marshall aid and the Point
Four programme are practical
Socialism on an international
scale."

War was not inevitable and
Socialism holds the key of world
unity and peace.

The danger of a new world
war now stemmed almost entirely
from Russia.

"Unless an international
framework is constructed within
which all the free nations can
prosper, war will become an
urgent danger quite apart from
the threat behind the Iron
Curtain," Mr. Phillips said.

Purely regional groupings like
Western Europe or the Common-
wealth were quite inadequate to
meet the challenge, he said.

Unity necessary

"Peace can be preserved only
if the whole of the free world is
united," he said. "This unity
must cover Asia, the Middle East,
Africa and America no less than
Western Europe. Regional
groupings have value only if they
are integrated into a global sys-
tem."

power and raw materials of
Southern Asia, we could no
longer ignore the possibility of a
war for world conquest," Mr.
Phillips stated.

Lines of action
Mr. Phillips listed these lines of
action towards the attainment of
world unity:

The Commonwealth: "Imperial-
ist exploitation must end. Political
power must be transferred
as soon as possible to the repre-
sentatives of native people."
Asia: Every help must be given
to the new nation States in
Southern Asia, as a move to-
wards more equal distribution of
world wealth.

World Economy: Great move-
ments of capital were required
from North America and Europe
to Africa and Asia. Free enter-
prise capitalism was quite in-
capable of making these econo-
mic adjustments on its own. Re-
striction by the old methods of
tariffs and marketing agree-
ments was lunatic policy when
Asia and Africa were crying out
for higher living standards.

The conference, representing
24 countries, adopted a resolution
describing Communist peace
campaigns as a transparent
camouflage for a totalitarian
policy of domination.

It demanded that world peace de-
manded the international reduc-
tion and control of all armaments
and the international abolition
of the atom bomb. International
control must be effectively
guaranteed.—Reuter.

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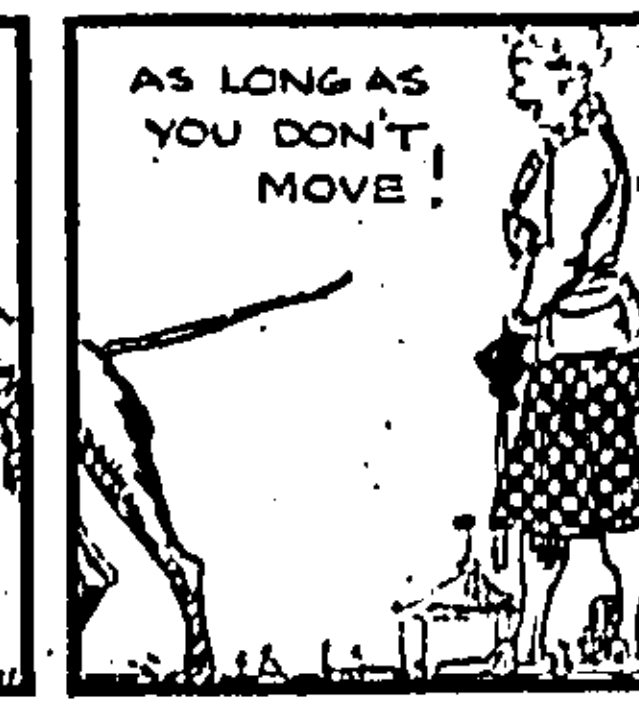
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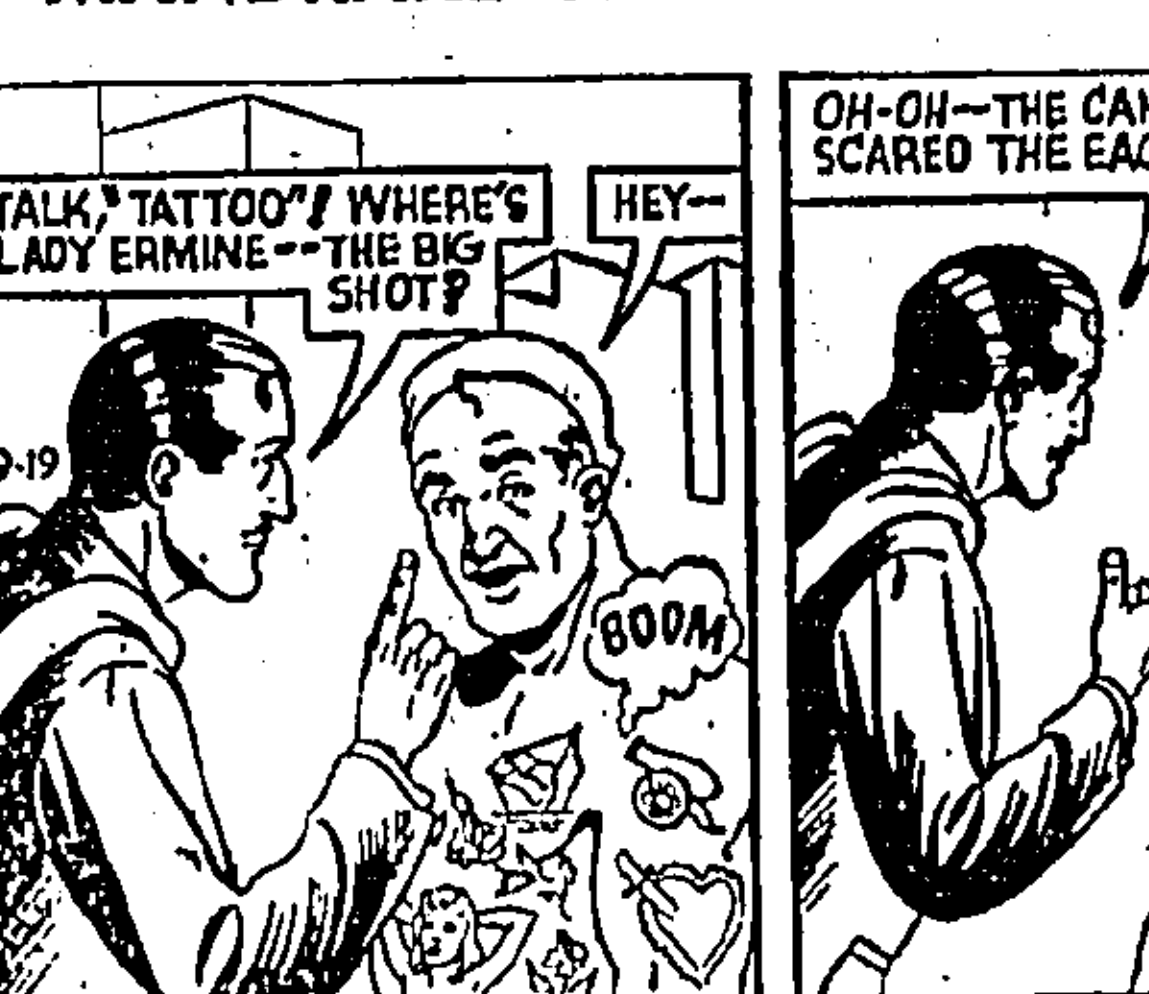
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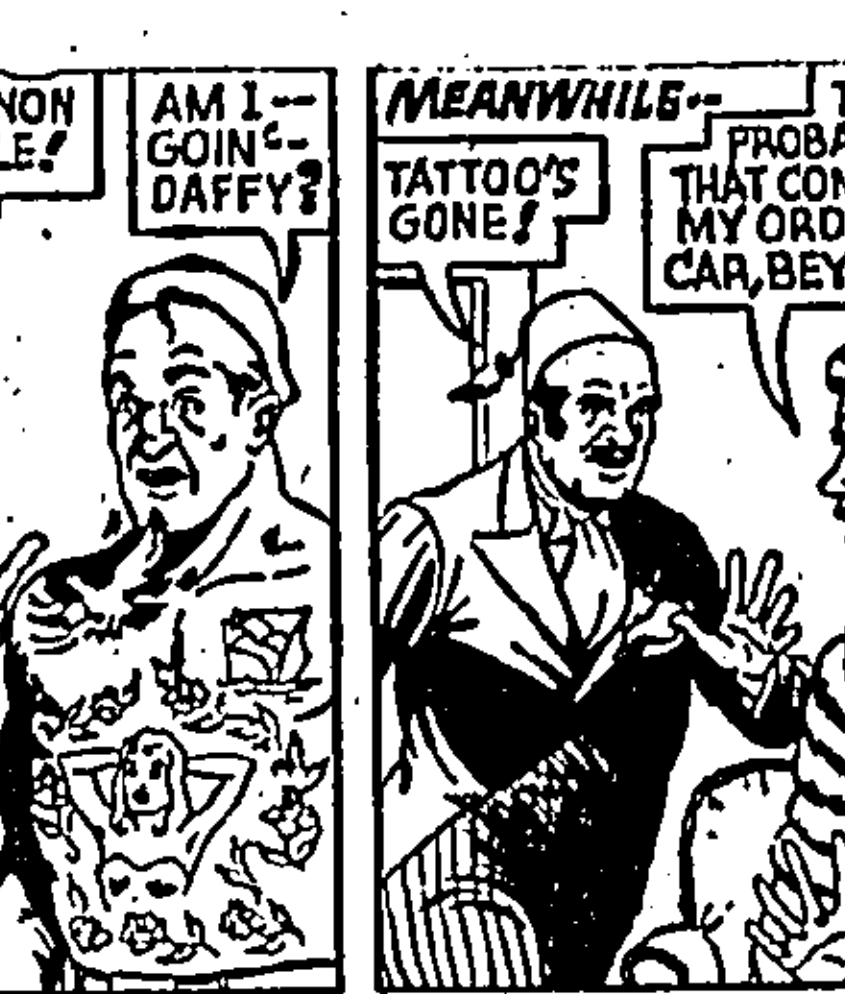
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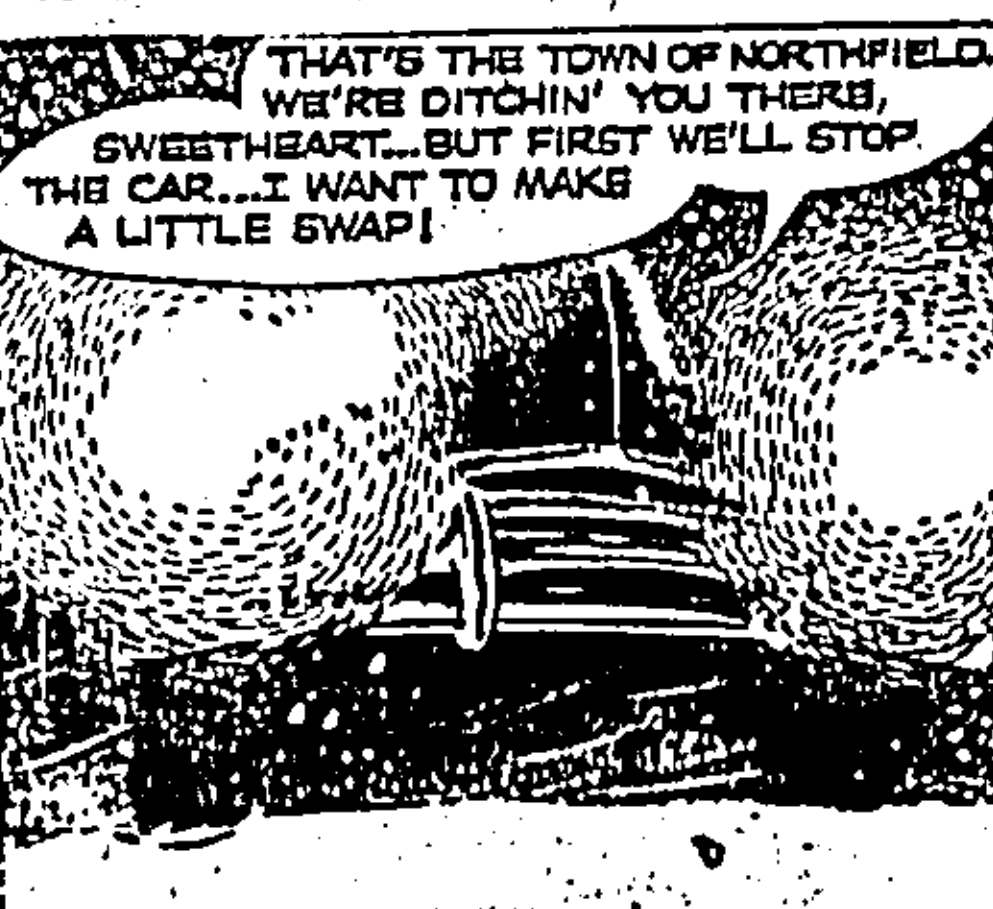
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Treasury statement on Hong Kong

London, June 3. The Treasury stated today that it had given a direction to regulate the use of the sterling assets of residents of Hong Kong.

This direction, it said, comes into force on Monday and is designed solely to stop possible undesirable transfers of sterling resulting in a loss of dollar exchange.

The Hong Kong dollar remains convertible into sterling without limit for all legitimate transactions, the Treasury added.—Reuter.

REPORT ON HOURS OF WORK

Geneva, June 3. The International Labour Office is to prepare a report on reduction of working hours because of rising labour productivity.

This decision was made by the labour organisation's governing body now in session in Geneva. A similar proposal was laid before the United Nations Economic and Social Council last year by the American Federation of Labour.

The A.F.L. delegate to the governing body, Mr. George Delaney, urged today that the subject be included in the agenda of the 1952 International Labour Conference, when the report should be ready.

The British employers' delegate, Sir John Forbes-Watson, agreed that a report should be prepared. But he thought it would shock the world if the labour organisation discussed a reduction of working hours at a time when the world is crying out for more food, clothing and housing.—Reuter.

U.S. AND THE STERLING AREA

Washington, June 3. The United States exported \$141,300,000 worth of products to Britain's sterling area bloc during March while importing \$111,100,000 worth from that area.

The Commerce Department said that during February, the

For 11 months the giant Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has been willing to double payments to Iran but the Iranian Parliament continues to delay ratification of the agreement. Politics and nationalism are responsible, it is generally agreed here.

Both Iran and Anglo-Iranian initiated a new agreement more than a year ago. The terms would roughly increase direct royalty, dividend and other payments from about £9,000,000 to over £18,500,000.

Anglo-Iranian spokesmen say that under the initial agreement they would be paying Iran about 17.5d. on each metric ton of production. The company claims it would be the highest payment made by any major operating oil company.

But last July the Iranian Parliament declined to ratify the new agreement without even bringing it to a vote. There is no indication here of any immediate prospects for a break in the stalemate.

Anglo-Iranian says it will stand on the initial agreement. Iranian officials have produced no suggested alternative proposal. Both British and Iranian concede it is to the best interests of both parties to regularise operations. Meanwhile, Anglo-Iranian continues to pay under terms of a 1933 agreement which maintains reserves to make retroactive payments on the new scale. Presumably this will be necessary.

Since Iran is the largest source of sterling oil and Britain is fighting to conserve dollars, smooth relations between Anglo-Iranian and Iran are important.

Last year the company produced 25,500,000 metric tons of oil. Its Abadan refinery is the largest in the world. Anglo-Iranian, with 80,000 employees, is the biggest employer in the country. Moreover, it is the hard core of the Iranian economy now that Iran is in the throes of business depression.

The British Government is directly concerned because it is a majority stockholder in the company, whose book value—far below its actual worth—is £137,000,000.

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Dar Es Salaam, June 3. Britain's Colonial Secretary has approved the leasing of 300,000 acres of land at Esamungor, Tanganyika, for ranching, the Tanganyika Government disclosed today.

It added that the proposal had been referred back to the Colonial Secretary regarding certain matters of detail. The Government statement was issued after criticism that the land was being handed over to the Colonial Development Corporation instead of private concerns.

When the details were resolved, it was intended to call for applications for rights of occupancy in the usual manner. No promise had been made that the whole area would be allotted to any individual or company, and advertisements would soon appear inviting applications, which would be considered by the Land Settlement Board, the statement said.—Reuter.

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Waterfront Who's Who

Among the many graduates of the Diocesan Boys' School who have risen to a position of eminence in Hong Kong is one who is well-known and admired in the shipping circles of the Colony.

He is the youthful-looking Mr. F. W. Winyard—Captain Winyard to give him his former Army rank—graduate of the Class of 1932. Today Mr. Winyard, a Hong Kong-born citizen, 35 years of age and with a wife and two children, doesn't look his age.

Mr. Winyard is the Consulting Ship-Engineer with the Overseas Navigation Company and several other companies.

After graduating from the Diocesan Boys' School at the age of 17, Mr. Winyard served five years as an apprentice in the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock, signing on as Marine Engineer on Indo-China Steamship Company vessels plying between India, China and Australia.

In 1941, just prior to the outbreak of hostilities in the Far



MR. F. W. WINYARD

East, Mr. Winyard was with the cable-laying vessel Store Nordiske off South Africa laying and repairing cables on the sea bed. When the Japanese took Hong Kong he was in Bombay and immediately joined the Ministry of War Transport and worked on troopships.

Because of his fluent knowledge of Chinese and because of his engineering qualifications he was given a direct commission, transferred to the Royal Engineers in Bombay and later sent to Rangoon. Through his perseverance and excellent work he soon rose to the rank of Captain.

In 1942, he was with the British Staff Mission in Rangoon in the capacity of liaison officer and was among those who walked out of Burma to India via the Pafel Road, across the Chinthein and along the Manipur Road.

After the retreat from Burma, Mr. Winyard was detailed to form Chinese Workshop Units for Iraq and also formed the Hong Kong Volunteer Royal Engineers Unit in Bengal in 1943, which comprised ex-Hong Kong Volunteers ex-L.E.P.s and ex-Hong Kong Royal Navy Volunteer Reserves who had escaped from Hong Kong.

He was in command of this Unit until General Wingate took charge during his second expedition into Burma.

Mr. Winyard was then transferred to Force 136, an offshoot of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, as Base Engineer. It was during this time that he helped in building a small shipyard just outside Bombay which built ships for Far East operations.

Later Mr. Winyard learnt that several of the vessels which he had helped to build were instrumental in the sinking of Japanese submarines.

Just before V-J Day, Mr. Winyard was transferred to London for a course in Marine Science and to advise on the building of suitable landing craft for the invasion of the China Coast. Before the course was completed, the Japanese capitulated and he was sent back to Hong Kong as one of the rehabilitation force and took over transportation problems in Kowloon.

Going to England to be demobilized in September, 1946, he returned to the Colony the following year and set up his own office as Consulting Engineer.

The same year he was commissioned by the Kwongsi Government to redesign and convert the Kwai Shan and the Kwai Hai from cargo boats into passenger vessels. In November 1947, when the Kwai Hai was blown up off Tai Shek Barrier Pass in the Pearl River, he was in charge of the salvage operations.

On his own initiative, Mr. Winyard made a reinforced concrete bottom for the ship which had a hole 40 feet by 20 feet in her bottom. The vessel was beached near Canton and after the concrete bottom was fixed the vessel steamed back to Hong Kong under her own power.

"In ship salvaging," said Mr. Winyard, "there is no hard and fast rule to follow, and one must improvise and invent as one goes along."

Then in 1948, he became the Marine Superintendent of the Overseas Navigation Company and was in charge of the conversion of the mv Wen Hsing from a cargo vessel into a passenger ship.

After the mv Wen Hsing was sunk as the result of an aerial attack by Nationalist planes, at the beginning of this year, Mr. Winyard undertook the salvage of the vessel in Kowloon harbour.

In spite of many obstacles he had the vessel raised and towed to Macao, whence she was towed by the Frosty Moller back to Hong Kong under an escort of several Naval ships for fear of the Communists who wanted the vessel to be used as a gunboat and for fear of the Nationalists who wanted the boat for the money they could get for it.

The Wen Hsing is soon to undergo complete overhauling and repairs and Mr. Winyard will once again resume responsibility.

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The life of a Praya coolie

During these warm summer evenings many people walk along the Waterfront to enjoy the cool enervating breeze which blows off the harbour. They will not envy those who have to toil away during these hours in order to earn their daily bread.

Should you be one of these fortunate ones who have the leisure to enjoy an evening's walk along the Waterfront you will notice that at every wharf which has a vessel berthed alongside if there are many workers, some clad in red jackets, some in blue and even some who are almost naked except for a pair of trousers.

You will see them working feverishly loading or unloading goods from the vessel depending on whether the ship has just arrived in port or is due to leave during the night or early morning.

They are the wharf coolies who earn their daily bread by the



A typical Praya scene showing coolies loading cargo on a junk to take to an ocean-going vessel anchored off-shore. ("China Mail" photo).

"sweat of their brows," he the weather wet or fine, day in and day out, seven days a week.

Wharf coolies are indispensable on the Waterfront yet many people who arrive by ships consider them nuisances in that they cluster round their luggage and clamour to be hired.

Helping to carry the luggage of a passenger is but a small part of their work. By doing so they hope to augment their meagre daily earnings and perhaps obtain enough for some small luxury such as a packet of "Gold Leaf" cigarettes or enough to be able to invite their friends to a ten-shop where they can philosophise on the hardships of life.

The main work of a wharf coolie is the loading and discharging of cargo on and off vessels and junks. This is their main source of income and it is not every coolie on the Praya who is able to do this work.

Each wharf has its own "clique" of coolies numbering between 20 and 30 under a "head" man. The "head" man is responsible for the work of his men and sees to it that the work on the wharf which he "operates" is completed. He does any work on that particular wharf even though there are insufficient men to complete the job in the required time.

Each wharf is rented from the owners or perhaps Government by shipping companies and they in turn "let" the "coolie rights" to the highest bidder or to the coolies who are on their pay-roll.

The daily earnings of each group of coolies are pooled and

profitable work to the coolies. The clerks are the gate-keepers at each wharf and protect the rights of the gang of coolies who are operating that particular wharf. They see to it that no other coolie but one from their own gang passes the gate leading into the wharf carrying a passenger's luggage.

The "outside" coolie must hand over his load to the "inside" coolie at the gate and the owner of the luggage must pay a certain fee to the wharf coolie no matter what he had arranged to pay the other man at the beginning.

The pooling of the daily earnings to be divided among all the members of the gang is beneficial to all. Those who happen to earn more than they get after the money had been pooled, and shared out, do not grumble because they know that should they ever become sick or unable to work for one reason or another they will get their share of the daily earnings of the gang. Any member of the gang who becomes sick or is injured, automatically gets his share each day until such time that he is able to work again.

Daily earnings

Each day a certain sum of money is paid to the Company which has rented the wharf on which they work. They must pay this "due" because once another Company takes over the wharf the whole gang must leave and find work elsewhere.

Besides these coolie gangs who operate on the wharves there are gangs who take over the loading and discharging of cargo on and off the junks and sailing vessels along the Praya. They, too, operate in gangs and woo betide the outsider who tries to earn an extra 10 or 20 cents.

On an average, each Waterfront coolie earns about HK\$5 a day. This may appear sufficient to many people, for the daily needs of a coolie. But they do not realise that in order to do the heavy work they have to eat enough to replace the energy they expend in the day's work.

The coolies eat three meals a day and at each meal they take between five to seven bowls of rice, aside from the "suing".

Again, some of the coolies have families to support, and many of them send their children to night schools in the hope that, if given a chance, their children, at least, will have the chance to escape the drudgery of their manual labour, which they themselves endure because of the lack of an adequate education.

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